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WASHINGTON---Two overtime games and power slugging highlighted Sunday's Negro National League contests, as the Newark Eagles increased their loop league in the second half race to two and a half games with a twin triumph over the Homestead Grays, 8-7, in 15 innings, and 3-1, at Newark.

Meanwhile, the New York Black Yankees gained a 2-1 twelve-inning victory over the Philadelphia Stars, and the Cubans beat the Baltimore Elite Giants, 7-2, at the Polo Grounds, to keep close on the heels of the high-flying Birds.

Earlier in the week, Newark trounced the Black ~~Yankees~~ Yankees, 17-1, for three in a row, and on Saturday night the Philly Stars defeated the Grays, as Barney Brown, ace south-paw, limited the champions to six hits, while the Quakers were collecting five each off Bob Thurman and Harold Hairston.

The Grays scored a 7-4 victory at Pittsburgh Thursday night, whipping the Baltimore Elites, in a memorial game honoring the late Cum Posey, co-owner of the Grays and secretary of the NNL. Other games on the week's schedule were canceled because of rain.

#### Day Is Hero

Leon Day was the hero in the thrill-packed 15-inning contest at Newark, Sunday, clouting a last inning homer to win the game and scattering 14 hits over the full distance.

The Grays were trailing 5-3 going into the ninth when Howard Basterling banged a four-run homer to put the Grays ahead, 7-5, but Pat Patterson clouted a four-bagger with one on in the Eagles' ninth to knot the count at 7-all, and it stayed that way until Day broke up the contest in the 15th as Newark fans went wild with glee.

Day fanned 10 to bring his total to 97 for the season, while Eugene Smith, Red Fields and Bob Thurman shared hurling duties for the Grays, allowing 12 hits between them.

In the nightcap, Len Hooker, of the Eagles, and Frank (Groundhog) Thompson, of the Grays, locked in a hurling duel, with the Birds winning as Monty Irvin hit a game winning home run.

#### Wild Pitch Hurt

The Yankees eked out the 12-inning victory as Bill Ricks let go a wild pitch with two on the paths and Jim Hardy, Yankee shortstop, scampered home with the winning run. Ricks had relieved Henry McHenry, who pitched 11 and one-third innings until he got in trouble in the twelfth. ~~Fernandez and Newkirk shared pitching honors for the Yanks, with Newkirk taking over in the fourth. The Yankees got 10 hits while Philadelphia was limited to six.~~

Silvie Garcia hit a home run to pace the Cubans' 10-hit attack in the second contest, played before 11,000, as the Cubans whipped Baltimore, 7-2. Bill Byrd, Sam Figueroa and Joe Black shared the Baltimore pitching job, while Impc Bernhill, four innings, and Bill Crus, who finished, divided the Cuban twirling, granting the Elites but six hits.

All interest this week centered on the All-Star Classic at Washington, Thursday night, and the East-West game in Chicago on Sunday, but the league competition will be resumed in full swing next Wednesday.